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PRESS SHEET – PUBS AND BARS

Hyde & Co., **Milk Thistle** and **Pata Negra** are the holy trinity of stylish Bristol bars. These sister bars each offer a different twist on a night out, but Hyde & Co. is the original of the three, giving revellers a speakeasy-style experience in the low-lit, vintage comfort of a cosy location on Clifton Triangle. Ring the doorbell and cross the threshold into a bygone era. Milk Thistle on Colston Avenue is described as Hyde & Co.'s 'flirty younger sister' and boasts some of the best cocktails in Bristol, while Pata Negra on Corn Street in the Old City promises to find a sherry that will match both your mood and your food. Upstairs you're invited to dance the night away and enjoy a fruity Latin-style cocktail at **Noche Negra**.

If you love rum, you'll enjoy the award-winning bar at **The Rummer** in the Old City. Inside a handsome listed building this bar claims to offer the largest selection of quality spirits in the region and specialises in delicious rum cocktails. This is also the place where Samuel Taylor Coleridge launched his magazine, 'The Watchman,' in 1795. Soak up even more of the city's drinks history by heading underground into **Harveys Cellars** on Denmark Street - part of a vast underground world of cellars beneath Bristol's streets. The network of tunnels and caves date back to the 12th century when Bristol was the centre for wine imports and you can relax in this historic but modern setting with a glass of wine, a sherry or a cocktail.

Enjoy a stiff drink in the name of Queen and country at **Her Majesty's Secret Service**, a new cocktail bar and punch house that opened in Clifton in July. You'll also find **Somerset House** in Clifton, offering more than 60 varieties of gin, gin tasting sessions, signature cocktails and 'Sparkling Wednesdays' where bottles of Prosecco are half price. Converted Georgian town house **Goldbrick House** on Park Street is a great spot for sinking into a comfy leather armchair and sipping on a bespoke cocktail. Every month they open the doors to their drinks cabinet and host expert-led talks and tasters on a chosen spirit. Cocktails with a Latin twist are on the menu at **Las Iguanas** on the Harbourside.

The West Country is renowned for cider and you'll find some of the best ciders and perries at **The Apple** cider boat on Welsh Back. Or, head to Clifton to sample **The Coronation Tap** - also known as the 'Cori' – a famous cider house that also hosts live music. **Bristol Cider Shop** stocks more than 100 varieties of craft cider and perry and is located on The Christmas Steps. It often holds cider tasting sessions on Fridays from 6.30pm.

Craft beer fans can try **BrewDog Bristol**, which opened in 2012 on Baldwin Street beside the Bristol Bridge. Alternatively, **Graze Bar and Chophouse** on Queen Square serves locally-brewed Bath Ales, whilst the nearby **Beer Emporium** and **Small Bar** - both on King Street - are specialists in craft beer. Also on King Street is **The Old Duke** – a renowned live jazz pub – and the historic **Llandoger Trow**. Robinson Crusoe is allegedly based on Alexander Selkirk, a shipwrecked sailor, whom Daniel Defoe met in The Llandoger Trow.

Away from central Bristol, **Old Market Assembly** opened in December 2015. It has restored and updated the Victorian surroundings of a former bank into a vibrant café bar, bakery, live music venue and theatre, and comes from the team behind two other popular live music café bars in the city - **The Canteen** in Stokes Croft and **No.1 Harbourside** on the waterfront. In south Bristol, the spacious café bar at the **Tobacco Factory** is a popular hangout and often hosts live music. It is housed inside one of the few remaining buildings from the Imperial Tobacco site alongside the **Thali Café** and an acclaimed theatre.

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